



## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Agency Information Collection Activities: Comment Request

**AGENCY:** National Science Foundation.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB Review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The National Science Foundation (NSF) has submitted the following information collection requirement to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. This is the **second notice** for public comment; the first was published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, and no comments were received. NSF is forwarding the proposed submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance simultaneously with the publication of this second notice.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain](https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain). Find this particular information collection by selecting "Currently under 30-day Review – Open for Public Comments" or by using the search function.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Suzanne H. Plimpton, Reports Clearance Officer, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, or send email to [splimpto@nsf.gov](mailto:splimpto@nsf.gov).

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339, which is accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year (including federal holidays).

Copies of the submission may be obtained by calling 703-292-7556.

NSF may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number, and the agency

informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Title of Collection:** Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST): State Coordinators Questionnaire.

**OMB Number:** 3145-0241.

**Abstract:** The PAEMST is a White House program established by Congress in 1983 authorizing the President to bestow up to 108 awards each year to teachers of mathematics and science at the elementary and secondary levels. The NSF is the designated federal agency for administration of this Presidential program.

Awards are given in the Mathematics Category (includes mathematics and Computer Science/Technology) and the Science Category (includes science and engineering) to teachers from each of the 50 states and four U.S. jurisdictions.

The jurisdictions are Washington D.C.; Puerto Rico; Department of Defense Education Activity schools; and the U.S. territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). The award recognizes those teachers who develop and implement a high-quality instructional program that is informed by content knowledge and enhances student learning. Since the program's inception, more than 5,200 teachers have been recognized for their contributions in the classroom and to their profession. Awardees serve as models for their colleagues, inspiration to their communities, and leaders in the improvement of STEM education.

The State or Jurisdiction Coordinator (SC) manages the PAEMST program within his or her state or jurisdiction. SCs recruit eligible nominees, select and assign mentors to nominees, coordinate the selection committee, and plan local

recognition events within their State or Jurisdiction. They also carry out the responsibilities as noted in the “Operational Handbook for State and Jurisdiction STEM Coordinators.”

The purpose of this survey is to seek feedback from the approximately 120 SCs regarding PAEMST management within their state or jurisdiction. The NSF PAEMST support team will ask directed questions using the survey to gather information that may specifically address the methods and recruitment efforts that SCs use to support the attracting of prospective award nominees. Additional survey areas may also include:

- Applicant Mentoring
- Mentor Training
- State or Jurisdiction selection Committee
- State or Jurisdiction selection Process
- Applicant and State or Jurisdiction Finalist Notification and Recognition
- In-kind contributions

The survey will evaluate the impact SCs have on attracting prospective award nominees to PAEMST. This will be conducted as a web-based survey.

***Estimate of Burden:*** Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 30-40 minutes for State/Jurisdiction Coordinators.

***Respondents:*** Individuals.

***Estimated Number of Responses per Form:*** 120 Coordinators

***Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents:*** 80 hours

(120 Coordinators at 40 minutes per survey = 80 hours)

***Frequency of Response:*** One per application cycle.

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